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**GRADE 5**  
**Reading**

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**DIRECTIONS**

Read each passage. Then read each question about the passage. Decide which is the best answer to each question.

**SAMPLE**

**A Book**

- 1 A book is like a television
- 2 Inside your head.
- 3 It tells you stories.
- 4 It takes you places.
- 5 It scares you.
- 6 It makes you laugh.
- 7 But—
- 8 You draw the pictures.
- 9 You write the songs.
- 10 You pick the colors.
- 11 You choose the programs.
- 12 A book is like a television
- 13 Inside your head—
- 14 And no one ever tells you
- 15 To turn it off.

**A This passage would most likely be found in a**

- A science textbook**
- B book of poetry**
- C history magazine**
- D book of short stories**

**B Which of the following is the BEST summary of this poem?**

- F Books are scarier than television.**
- G Books and television are about the same.**
- H Many books have been made into television shows.**
- J Books give you more choices than television.**

# **A Nothing-to-Do Day**

**Cerelle Woods**

- 1 Anna thought it might be a good day for playing games.  
“Conrad, will you play checkers with me?” she asked her older brother.
- 2 “That’s boring,” Conrad said.
- 3 Anna didn’t think checkers was boring, but she said,  
“OK, what do you want to play?”
- 4 “Nothing,” Conrad said. “I want to read.”
- 5 “What good is a brother who never does anything but read?” Anna muttered. She walked out onto the porch and let the door slam behind her.
- 6 Dooley the cat sat sleeping in the rocking chair. Anna thought it might be a good day for playing with Dooley. She gently picked up the cat and sat down.

- 7 But Dooley stood up on Anna’s lap, stretched, and jumped to the ground. Waving his tail lazily, he disappeared into the bushes beside the porch.
- 8 “Great,” Anna said. “What good is a cat who won’t even sit on your lap?”
- 9 She whistled for Punjab the dog. It might be a good day for playing with him.
- 10 Punjab crawled out from under the porch and slowly walked up the wooden steps. He plopped down next to the rocking chair and licked Anna’s hand. Punjab was old. He slept most of the time.
- 11 “Come on, Punjab,” Anna said, rubbing the dog’s head. “Don’t you want to play with me?”
- 12 Punjab thumped his heavy tail on the floor of the porch, but he didn’t even open his eyes.
- 13 “Oh, brother,” Anna said. “My own dog won’t even play with me. What good is a dog who sleeps all day?”

- 14    **A bumblebee buzzed on the marigolds that grew in a pot on the porch. Anna watched a yellow butterfly float above the grass. High up on the telephone wire, a mockingbird wagged its tail to and fro and sang a song to the sun.**
- 15    **Anna listened to the mockingbird. She rocked back and forth in the chair. Punjab thumped his tail and stretched out on the cool floor of the porch.**
- 16    **Anna thought about Punjab. She thought about the cat, and she thought about Conrad. She thought about the bumblebee, the butterfly, and the mockingbird. The rocking chair made a clicking sound as it rocked. Anna thought about that, too.**
- 17    **“I’m a good thinker,” Anna said to herself. “And it’s something I can do by myself.”**
- 18    **She rocked and thought some more. It turned out to be a very good day for sitting all alone on the front porch and thinking.**

**1 The author PROBABLY wrote this story in order to**

- A explain why rocking chairs are fun**
- B describe Anna’s porch and yard**
- C tell a story about a day in a girl’s life**
- D persuade people to play more games**

**2 All of these describe things that Anna did in the story EXCEPT**

- F listened to a bird sing**
- G walked out onto the porch**
- H picked some flowers**
- J rocked in a chair**

**3 Why did Punjab crawl out from under the porch?**

- A He wanted to chase Dooley.**
- B Conrad had put food in his dish.**
- C He heard the door slam.**
- D Anna had whistled for him.**

**4 As it is used in paragraph 5 of this story, the word behind means**

- F at the back of**
- G later than**
- H less advanced than**
- J hidden by**



**5 Which of these sentences could BEST be added at the end of paragraph 6?**

- A Anna was sleeping in the rocking chair.**
- B His gray fur was soft and fluffy.**
- C The name of Anna’s cat was Dooley.**
- D Suddenly she noticed a bumblebee nearby.**

**6 Anna solves her problem when she**

- F learns that she enjoys sitting and thinking by herself**
- G makes plans for what to do the next day**
- H finds a way to make her brother pay attention to her**
- J has fun playing with both of her pets**

**7 When Punjab will not play with her, Anna PROBABLY feels**

- A hopeful**
- B disappointed**
- C curious**
- D embarrassed**

**8 What information supports the idea that the story takes place in the summertime?**

- F Punjab thumped his tail on the floor.**
- G Anna thought it might be a good day for playing games.**
- H Dooley stretched and jumped to the ground.**
- J Anna watched a bumblebee, a bird, and a butterfly.**

## **Walter Reed's Special Job**

- 1 Walter Reed was born in 1851 in Belroi, Virginia. After studying medicine, he joined the Army Medical Corps in 1874 and had a very successful career for the next 25 years. Then he was given a very special job.**
- 2 Doctors had long been concerned about yellow fever, which injured the liver and made the skin turn yellowish. When one person came down with yellow fever, other people soon became ill with the disease too. Doctors didn't know how yellow fever spread, so they couldn't stop it. During the Spanish-American War, the U.S. Army became concerned about yellow fever because many American soldiers who went to Cuba contracted it and became ill. In 1900 after the war, the Surgeon General put Walter Reed in charge of a team that went to Cuba to study yellow fever and other diseases.**
- 3 Three other doctors were on Reed's team. The team quickly saw that nurses took care of patients with yellow**

**fever and did not get sick. Therefore, they knew that yellow fever was not spread by touching sick people or their clothing, sheets, or blankets. Dr. Carlos Finlay of Havana, Cuba, believed that mosquitoes carried yellow fever. The team decided to check his idea.**

- 4 The only sure way to check this idea was to have a mosquito bite a person with yellow fever, and then have the same mosquito bite a healthy person. If the healthy person became ill with yellow fever, the team would know that the illness had been carried by the mosquito. Two doctors and a soldier bravely volunteered to be bitten by yellow-fever mosquitoes. The soldier suffered a mild case. At first the two doctors did not get sick, but then they both became very ill. After very careful experiments on other volunteers, the team members proved that mosquitoes carried yellow fever from person to person.**
- 5 In 1901, based on Reed’s work, doctors realized that by cleaning out the places where the mosquitoes laid their eggs they could almost completely get rid of yellow fever. A vaccine that protects people from yellow fever was discovered in 1951. It is still used today.**

- 6 When the Army built a huge medical center in Washington, DC, they named it after Walter Reed. They wanted people to have a way to remember the work done by Reed and others, especially the courageous volunteers who risked their lives, to conquer yellow fever.

- 9 What was the author’s main purpose for writing this article?**
- A To warn people about the dangers of yellow fever**
  - B To tell about the history of the Spanish-American War**
  - C To give information about Walter Reed’s accomplishment**
  - D To help stop the spread of yellow fever**
- 10 If the author added a sentence to the end of the first paragraph on page 24, which of these would fit BEST?**
- F He had an interesting childhood.**
  - G He studied medicine at a New York medical college.**
  - H The U.S. Army was at war with Spain.**
  - J It was a job that would make him famous.**

**11 In which paragraph does the article explain how the real cause of yellow fever was discovered?**

**A 1 page 24**

**B 2 page 24**

**C 4 page 25**

**D 6 page 26**

**12 In paragraph 2 on page 24, the word contracted means**

**F observed**

**G caught**

**H healed**

**J studied**

**13 Which path shows how yellow fever is spread?**

**A Sick person is bitten by a mosquito that then bites a healthy person**

**B Sick person is near a healthy person who is then bitten by a mosquito**

**C Mosquito bites a sick person who is near a healthy person**

**D Healthy person is near a sick person who is bitten by a mosquito**



**14 Which of these questions is answered in paragraph 5 on page 25?**

**F How has the U.S. Army honored Walter Reed?**

**G When was the vaccine to prevent yellow fever introduced?**

**H Why was the U.S. Army concerned about yellow fever?**

**J Who else was on the team with Walter Reed?**

**15 Another way to describe the courageous volunteers in paragraph 6 on page 26 would be**

- A brave volunteers**
- B unhappy volunteers**
- C fearful volunteers**
- D angry volunteers**

**16 If you wanted to learn more about yellow fever, which would be the BEST place to look?**

- F A dictionary**
- G A newspaper from 1900**
- H A medical encyclopedia**
- J A travel guide to Cuba**

**17 If you wanted to learn more about Walter Reed’s life, which would be the BEST book for you?**

- A The History of the Spanish-American War**
- B Walter Reed, a Biography**
- C Welcome to the Walter Reed Medical Center**
- D The Vaccine That Cured Yellow Fever**

Answer Key

Test Sequence Number	Correct Answer
1	C
2	H
3	D
4	F
5	B
6	F
7	B
8	J
9	C
10	J
11	C
12	G
13	A
14	G
15	A
16	H
17	B